

# Mooring Tips - Turnback Canyon

## Lake Levels Above 665

Here are a few tips for anchoring/beaching at Lago Vista Bar-K Park. Since there are no docks available to non Lago Vista residents, the overnight stay at Turnback will be a raft up for the keel boats and large multi hulls, and beach parking for the beachable boats. A small cove on the north side of Bar-K Park is available if lake levels are above 665 msl, and mooring stakes will be set along the cove shore line to allow tie-up. Below is a picture of the Bar-K area showing the best locations to anchor/moor and best beach areas to beach boats. The beach near the cove entrance is pretty rocky, a beach a little more boat friendly begins a little south of the cove entrance. For anchoring boats the equipment you need to have aboard are plenty of fenders (bumpers), a long line to tie your bow to shore and a suitable sized anchor and long rode.



The preferred anchoring method is to have your boat aligned perpendicular to the shore line with a bow line tied to a shore mooring stake and an anchor set directly astern with the anchor setting in the deepest point of cove. The max cove depth is about 25 feet at lake level 680 msl. It is very shallow in the inner areas of this cove. If your boat, bow line, and anchor line are in a straight line it will minimize your boats motion and minimize crossing anchors with your neighbors. A good method to achieve this alignment is to motor (or sail) slowly into the cove near center line heading east with an anchor line ready to drop on the stern and a bow line ready to heave toward shore and fenders deployed all around. When you locate your targeted anchoring spot, turn the boat heading straight to shore and drop anchor on or near the cove center line, let out at least 50 feet of anchor line before testing for anchor holding, slowly approach the shore, and snub your anchor line just before hitting shore. You may find people ashore to grab a heaved bow line or you may need to send someone swimming to tie the bow line to a mooring stake. If the anchor does not hold tension when you tighten against a secure bow line, then it is easiest to reset the anchor by pulling it up and floating it out to the cove center line on a floatation cushion or dinghy and resetting it. You should expect to be very cozy with your neighbors in order to fit all boats into the cove. Neighbor relationships are enhanced by having an ample supply of fenders and cold drinks. Tie at least three lines between neighboring boats to help secure the raft up.

Mooring anchoring in the cove is also possible, but please do so just near the cove entrance to avoid crossing lines with the boats tied to shore.

Also please note Lago Vista rules do not permit glass bottles in the park. Please do not bring glass bottles ashore.

One last tip, it is most important to have fun over-nighting at Turnback, and a secure anchorage is a big help!